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### JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL MIT LAUNCHX CLUB TAKES FIRST PLACE AT REGIONALS

Mill Creek, WA March 20, 2018— Jean Kim, President; On Kwon, Secretary; and members Awa Joof, Michelle Gaya, and Nabeeha Misgbah competed at the LaunchX Clubs Pacific Northwest Regional Demo Day at the University of Washington on March 17, 2018. Taking first place sends them to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for International Competition this April.

Jackson High School's MIT Launch club helps student-entrepreneurs take their ideas for products or services to a complete business plan, which is then presented to venture capitalists who can make their dreams a reality.

Concerns with the disappearance of fresh water in drought-ridden California, as well as the lack of fresh-water sources in third world countries, Jean's team saw a need for waterless soap. The lack of fresh water correlates to decreasing sanitation thereby increasing the spread of disease. Waterless soap, which is just as effective as traditional methods, will facilitate better hygienic practices which in turn will help support efforts of non-profit corporations in their attempt to eradicate disease. Their corporate name will be Sine-Aqua.